

50,000 Persons Use New Tube On First Day

Clark Street Tunnel of the West Side Subway Cuts Down the Congestion of Traffic From Brooklyn

24 Trains to Run Hourly

Rush Hour Headway of Two and One-Half Minutes Will Eliminate Overloads

More than 50,000 passengers were carried through the Clark street tunnel yesterday on the first day's operation of the new line directly connecting Brooklyn with the west side of Manhattan.

The rush hour congestion on the Lexington Avenue and Brooklyn subway was relieved appreciably. Traffic on the Forty-second Street shuttle was lighter throughout the day. The number of over-street transfers issued at Wall and Rector streets showed a falling off of almost 33 per cent.

From midnight until noon ten-car trains were operated on a ten-minute headway. This headway was reduced during the evening rush hours and will be further lessened to-day until twenty-four trains an hour are operated. Officials of the Public Service Commission and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company asserted last night that, with the exception of a few minor hitches, the new line is working smoothly and efficiently.

Overloads Are Eliminated

The Public Service Commission announced last night that the overloads on subway traffic from Brooklyn to New York have been virtually eliminated by the opening of the new tunnel. Figures gathered during the first rush hour by Public Service Commission investigators were cited in support of this statement.

They showed that the West Side line out of Brooklyn from 7 to 9:20 a. m. carried 22,140 passengers, as against 22,500 seats, or 350 more seats than passengers. On the old line, 42,810 were carried in cars during the same period of time. Formerly, it was stated, the total number of passengers, 64,450, were crowded into cars with 26,450 seats on the East Side line. As a result, the number of passengers on the old line will not be reduced because of the reduction of the number of passengers.

A large party, they said, of S. C. inspectors and T. platform men were stationed at Times Square, Fourteenth Street and in Brooklyn directing confused passengers. A spacious elevator entrance was provided at the south end of the tunnel, and the new subway, which will be operated on a two and one-half minute headway in rush hours, providing twenty-four trains an hour, the new subway, at least, could provide but thirty trains an hour. There now are fifty-four trains, instead of thirty, to and from Brooklyn during the rush hours.

Whitney Talks of System

Acting Chairman Whitney, of the Public Service Commission, said that the new subway would be the first train they reached at Atlantic Avenue, because they have been doing this for several years," Mr. Whitney said. "The new subway will be the first train on the east platform at Atlantic Avenue, getting West Side trains instead of the old East Side trains. These operate only from the center platform of the old line."

"Many persons used Borough Hall station to change from the elevated to the subway. The most convenient place for this change, however, is at Flatbush Avenue and Nevins Street. There was some congestion at the Nevins Street entrance nearest Flatbush Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, but this was easily handled."

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Prisoner Gives Interview to Reporters in the Nassau County Jail

MINEOLA, Long Island, April 15.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, charged with the murder of his wife, broke the silence he has maintained since the day of his arrest and gave a long interview to newspaper men to-day. Dr. Wilkins met the reporters in the reception room of the Nassau County jail.

"I am being 'framed,'" said Dr. Wilkins. "I want to tell you this because so much is being printed that is not true. All manner of accusations are being made against me, but there is nothing to prove them."

Dr. Wilkins invited the reporters to ask him questions and answered several—those who took him at his word—frankly. In reply to one question as to whether the first will of his wife, which is now being probated, had been found in a trunk in the upper part of his house, he admitted that it had.

Norwegians Angry Over

Requisitioned Vessels

CHRISTIANIA, March 14 (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Failure of America to come to an agreement with Norwegian ship owners regarding the requisition of shipbuilding contracts placed in America, which has for two years caused a steadily increasing bitterness among business men, is now coupled with distrust as to the American government's methods of dealing with small nations and is unanimously and severely criticized by the whole Norwegian press.

In answer to the criticism the American Legation publishes a statement defending the United States Shipping Board's unwillingness to meet the Norwegian demands for payment of contracts at market value. It is stated here that the American Shipping Board offers to pay only for material and fuel on hand when the United States government requisitioned the ships under construction.

The "Morgenbladet," whose editor is a member of Parliament, denounces American methods and declares that America shall pay full market value of the whole contract, especially as Norway's rights are, he says, protected by the treaty of 1907.

It is asserted that the \$12,000,000 offered for settlement covers only the cost of direct initial outlay by Norway and only a quarter the cost entailed at the time of requisitioning the shipbuilding contracts. This, it is charged, is contrary to the way American ships are requisitioned. It is stated that the British contracts requisitioned in the United States.

"Although America can force her decision she cannot prevent Norwegian from calling this procedure un-American and unbusinesslike," the "Morgenbladet" adds.

Your Town



Rabbi Says No Jew Has Been Deported By U. S. as Bolshevik

H. S. Goldstein Defends Loyalty of Race in Sermon; Calls Acts of Individuals Not Those of People

Not a single Bolshevik or anarchist deported from this country has been a Jew, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein asserted yesterday in delivering his Passover sermon before the members of the Institutional Synagogue, at 112 West 116th Street. Rabbi Goldstein also insisted that the Jews, as a race, had never and never would support the principles of Bolshevism.

"Of all the Bolsheviks and anarchists deported from this country recently," he said, "I am proud to say that not one of them was a Jew. The Jews as a people who represent the faith of Israel never have stood on the side of violence."

"We are celebrating to-day the festival of Passover, of freedom, the right to live the moral law, unfettered. The Jew has been careful to inculcate this idea of liberty over against license."

"If at any time we may find a few of the Jewish people going astray, let me say to the world at large that those individuals should be condemned—not the entire people. If there is any leaven in our midst, the law of Israel requires that it be purged."

"We, the rabbis of this country, are anxious to cleanse the house of Israel of any unfaithful to Israel's slogan, 'For God and Country.'"

A new Passover in which all the world will rejoice was forecast by Rabbi Israel Herbert Levinthal in his sermon before the congregation of Temple Beth Tikvah, Rochester Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, last night.

Just as the determination of Moscow conquered every obstacle, so must the determination of the world's modern prophet, Liberty—President Wilson—lead humanity out of the shackles of militarism be crowned with success, he said. "When the league of nations shall have become an established fact, then will the world be able to celebrate a new Passover—the redemption of the world from the bondage of war."

Paterson Silk Mill Men

Raise Wages of 28,000

Week Reduced From 50 Hours to 48, but Same Pay Will Obtain

PATERSON, N. J., April 15.—The silk manufacturers conference committee, representing the silk mill owners of Paterson, issued a statement to-day in which the announcement was made that the 28,000 silk operatives of this city would receive increases in wages when the forty-eight-hour work week becomes effective next Tuesday, making them pay the same as was received under the old plan of fifty hours a week. In other words, the manufacturers have voluntarily offered to pay the workers fifty hours' pay for forty-eight hours' work. In making the announcement the manufacturers state that they believe that all the workers will now cooperate loyally to give Paterson a long and successful period of peace operation.

The workers, while they are gratified over the wage increase, are still dissatisfied over the forty-eight-hour week, which they have agreed to accept for the duration of the war.

Republican Club Election

Charles D. Hillis Chosen President to Succeed R. W. Bonnyne

Charles D. Hillis, former chairman of the Republican National Committee, was elected president of the Republican Club at the annual meeting last night, to succeed Robert W. Bonnyne, who served two terms. The other officers chosen were: First vice-president, Herbert L. Satterlee; second vice-president, W. M. K. Olcott; third vice-president, Major H. H. Curran; corresponding secretary, Benjamin M. Day; recording secretary, Oscar W. Ehrhorn; treasurer, Taylor More.

District Club Picks Officers

The Republican Club of the 20th Assembly District last night elected officers as follows: President, Charles H. Wheelock; first vice-president, Wilbur J. Murphy; second vice-president, Isador Lewis; treasurer, Samuel J. Holzinger; financial secretary, Henry Schilling; recording secretary, Mario G. Di Pirro; corresponding secretary, Nathan Eckstein; sergeant at arms, Jacob Waterman. Frank K. Bowers is leader of the district.

Six Transports on Way

With New York Troops

Five Are Coming to New York and the Other Will Dock at Newport News

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Five transports en route to New York and one to Newport News carry 1,460 New York troops, the War Department announced to-day.

The transports Mobile and Freedom are due in New York April 21, the Manchuria April 24 and the Matsonia April 25. The date of the arrival of the Belvedere was not made known. This ship left Marseilles April 12. The Rijndam is due at Newport News April 24.

The transports and Empire State troops aboard follow: Mobile—United States Ambulance Service sections, 12 officers and 338 men for Upton; Base Hospital No. 76, 1 officer and 34 men for Dix.

Freedom—First trench mortar battery, 3 officers and 39 men for Dix; Base Hospital No. 19, 3 officers and 192 men for Dix; Base Hospital No. 20, 4 officers and 136 men for Dix, 11 men for Upton; Base Hospital No. 30, 69 men for Dix; Base Hospital No. 38, 2 officers and 151 men for Dix; Base Hospital No. 48, 2 officers and 125 men for Upton; Base Hospital No. 79, 2 officers and 49 men for Dix.

Manchuria—United States Ambulance Service sections, 8 officers and 268 men for Upton; New York Casual Company, 1 officer and 14 men for Dix.

Matsonia—13th Infantry, 1 officer and 39 men for Upton.

Belvedere—13th Engineers, 2 officers and 132 men for Upton; 2 officers and 57 men for Dix.

Rijndam—50th Engineers, 5 officers and 44 men for Dix; Base Hospital No. 41, 18 men for Dix and 21 men for Upton.

Socialist Alderman

Blocks Dredge Contract

The objection of Alderman Abraham Beckerman, Socialist, yesterday blocked approval by the Board of Aldermen of Dock Commissioner Murray Hulbert's request for permission to make a dredging contract without public letting. Mr. Beckerman's action, according to the Dock Commissioner, "prevents the city from taking advantage of an opportunity to save \$3,925."

An explanatory letter made public by Commissioner Hulbert follows: "The Atlantic Engineering and Contracting company are engaged in the performance of a contract to dredge 12,000 cubic yards of material in the Hudson River at the agreed price of \$1.62 a cubic yard. The city owns the adjoining premises, for which provision was made in the budget for the removal of 5,000 cubic yards of dredged material."

"Because the plant of the company is on the premises they offered to dredge the additional 5,000 yards for the city at 88 cents a cubic yard."

"Authority to make a contract without public letting, according to the rules of the Board of Aldermen, requires unanimous consent when it comes up on the calendar for the first time. The opposition of one lone Socialist prevented the city from taking advantage of an opportunity to save \$3,925 on present prices."

Bill Limits Real Estate

Tax Levy to 2 Per Cent

Will Mean Loss of \$18,000,000 Revenue for City if It Becomes Law

ALBANY, April 15.—When the tax bills are reported out to-morrow the tax on real estate will be limited to 2 per cent.

This amendment has been made at the request of the real estate men of New York City, who will mean a loss of about \$18,000,000 in revenue. New York City should it become a law.

To make up for this loss another bill is in character, providing for a tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent on all personal property in excess of \$3,000.

Socialist Would Resign

From Board of Aldermen

Dr. Maurice S. Calman, of 60 East 108th Street, a Socialist member of the Board of Aldermen, has sent a letter to the Central Commission of the Socialist party, asking permission to resign his office.

For some time Alderman Calman has been drawing gradually away from his six Socialist colleagues. The suggestion that he was not in accord with the other members of the Socialist delegation gained force when he did not sign the letter sent to Mayor Hylan recently, criticizing his position on the rental of halls for Socialist gatherings.

Dr. Calman was not present at yesterday's meeting of the board. He said that while his resignation from the Board of Aldermen is dependent on the action taken by the Socialist executive committee, he did not intend to leave the party.

Welfare Bills To Die Despite Big Filibuster

Democrats of State Senate Talk 17 Hours to Prevent Adjournment of the Legislature Saturday

Then Sweet Calls Caucus

Eighty Members of Assembly Agree to Back Speaker's Fight on Legislation

From a Staff Correspondent

ALBANY, N. Y., April 15.—Thaddeus C. Sweet, Speaker of the Assembly, at a caucus of the majority to-night, forced eighty-two assemblymen to stand with him to prevent the passage of the health insurance bill, the minimum wage and other measures in the so-called welfare legislation.

This action was taken after a successful filibuster on the part of the Senate minority, aided by four insurgent Republicans, to prevent the adjournment of the resolution to adjourn next Saturday.

The filibuster lasted nearly seventeen hours. It started at nine o'clock last night. At that hour Senator Walters, majority leader, who is also opposed to the welfare bills, finding that three of the Democratic Senators were absent, moved that the Senate concur in the Assembly resolution for adjournment of the Legislature next Saturday.

Senator James A. Foley, minority leader, pleaded with Senator Walters, saying that it was a Jewish holiday and that the absent Democrats were in New York City, observing the Feast of the Passover.

Walters insisted on putting the motion, however, and Foley, fencing for time, moved to postpone consideration for a day.

For the next six hours the minority talked against time. Meanwhile Senator Lynch was brought from New York on a special train. When debate on the amendment could be continued no longer under the rules, Senator Walters moved the main question. Foley then started a new filibuster, and each Democrat, as his name was called, spoke for half an hour.

For the next eleven hours, until Senators Sutherland and Julius Miller left the national city, the filibuster continued. Then a vote to postpone consideration for still another day was carried.

With the Democratic minority were Senators George F. Thompson, of Niagara, and Fred M. Davenport, of Oneida.

While the Senate got four hours' sleep Speaker Sweet called the Assembly majority caucus. Ninety members were present. Eighty submitted to the Speaker, while ten bolted. The insurgent Democrats are Joseph Steinhilber, William W. Pellett, Wilfred E. Youker, James H. Caulfield, Solomon Ullman, Herman Weiss and John C. Hawkins of New York City; John W. Slater, Erie; Charles Vein, Jr., Westchester; Frank L. Gardner, Dutchess.

"The Assembly, unless the insurgents in the Senate and the majority consent to an adjournment on Saturday, will recess on Saturday and keep on recessing every two days until the Senate consents to adjourn," said Speaker Sweet.

A lengthy statement concerning the Republican caucus was prepared in the Speaker's office late to-night. In part it said:

"The alliance of four Senators, elected to represent the traditions and promote the principles of the Republican party, with the Tammany Democrats, resulting in the passage by the Senate of the welfare bills, makes it necessary for the Republican members of the Assembly to stand together in defense of those constitutional principles which protect the right of property and the freedom of action of individuals."

"Never in the history of the state have its people struggled with such a burden of debt as that which they now are bearing. It is a time when our people should be allowed to gather themselves and to recover, so far as possible, from the tremendous strains put upon them by taxation and the handicaps cast upon individual enterprise."

"The Republicans of the Assembly and the greater majority of the Republicans of the Senate refuse to be browbeaten or blackmailed into supporting a programme which we believe to be a violation of the fundamental principles of Republicanism."

Women, Aroused, Will Seek

Defeat of Speaker Sweet

ALBANY, April 15.—Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse, in commenting on the action of Speaker Sweet against the so-called "welfare bills," intimated that the women would seek to prevent Speaker Sweet's return to the Assembly.

"We have had a struggle for the welfare bills," said Mrs. Whitehouse. "From now it becomes a struggle against the autocratic rule of the Republican machine in the Assembly and against the accepted rules which give one man—the Speaker—so Carl-like a power. A majority of the Assembly had declared themselves in favor of these bills, with the possible exception of health insurance."

"I am confident the members of the Y. W. C. A., the Women's Trade Union League, the Woman Suffrage party of New York State, the Consumers' League and the many other organizations that have supported these measures won't want to leave the decision to Speaker Sweet another year."

Lieut. Vezine Is Official

Motion Picture Aviator

Lieutenant Georges L. Vezine, formerly of the British Air Force, has become the official aviator of the United Picture Theatres of America. He will combine aviation with salesmanship for the concern, and fly between the twenty-three cities in which it maintains exchanges.

Lieutenant Vezine has had 555 hours in the air during the war. He will fly a Curtiss J. N. 4.

MANHATTAN

Fourth Avenue, cor. 25th Street. Eldridge St., cor. Livingston St. East Houston St., cor. Essex St. Seventh Ave., bet. 48th & 49th St. Lexington Ave., cor. 124th St. Grand St., cor. Clinton St. 72d St., bet. Lexington & 3 Ave. Eighth Ave., cor. 127th St.

BROOKLYN

Courtlandt Ave., cor. 148th St. Smith St., cor. Livingston St. Flatbush Ave., cor. Debevoise St. Pitkin Ave., cor. Rockaway Ave.

Army Men Envious Of Ocean Fliers

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Automotives

An appeal addressed to all automobile dealers in New York State has been sent out by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce urging the strongest opposition to a law pending at Albany which would increase automobile license fees for motor car owners all the way from 100 to 300 per cent. This statement is made:

"The present registration fees have been about all that the traffic will bear and the sales of cars would be enormously decreased if such increases in registration fees were to prevail. Every time the state needs increased revenue the motor vehicle is made the victim. The only way to stop this practice is to demonstrate clearly to the Legislature that the citizens of the State will not tolerate it any longer. The bill is obnoxious because:

"(1) It will materially hamper business in discounting the purchase of automobiles in New York State.

"(2) It unjustly victimizes the motor vehicle and discriminates against it in favor of other vehicles and other classes of property."

"(3) It attempts to make motor vehicles stand the expense of all construction and improvement of roads, whereas the same should be paid by general taxation, since every day shares in the benefits of good roads."

"(4) It will furnish only an encouragement for the Legislature in succeeding years to further increase the impost on automobiles; and

"(5) Such limitation of the purchase and use of automobiles as would result from passage of this bill would interfere inculcably with the business, convenience, educational advantages and comfort of the whole population of this commonwealth."

Opposition to the measure has developed not only with the dealers and manufacturers, but with users of motor cars throughout the state. The feeling is that the registration fees are now beyond the originally intended limits of covering merely the physical cost of enrolling the cars in the state. The cost and more is paid for, and the more than \$4,000,000 collected last year from owners, chauffeurs and dealers in New York State pays for a great deal more than the office expenses of examination, registration and inspection. It has been held unconstitutional in Ohio and Mississippi to tax motor vehicles as personal property and also under the guise of registration fees. Of about \$500,000 paid last year by motorists of the United States as registration fees, about \$18,000,000 went into the general fund of a number of states and only a small part of the sum was spent on road work.

Alleged "Soviet" Raided

By U. S. Officers in Iowa

SIoux CITY, Ia., April 15.—Federal agents last night made a raid on a meeting of Russians being held in a building in the stock yards district and claim to have unearthed evidence to show those in attendance are members of the Russian recruiting union and that they are planning to join with the I. W. W. when the national convention of the agricultural division of the organization is held here April 21. A large amount of literature printed in the Russian language was captured and is being translated to-day.

The Federal agents say the Russians are organizing as a "Soviet" in imitation of the Bolsheviks in Russia. The organization has a membership of 125, none of whom has become an American citizen. They say they are planning a protest against paying taxes.

Raynham Tests Plane in Storm That Halts Rival

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Cuban Gunboats Search

Ocean for U. S. Airmen

On Trip From Panama

HAVANA, April 15.—Although it is without official notification of the flight started Saturday from the Isthmus of Panama by American aviators that the citizens of the United States by way of Bluefields, Nicaragua, and Havana, the Cuban Navy Department has ordered gunboats located at Cienfuegos, Barahona and La Esperanza to patrol the expected route of the aviators along the Cuban coast. No information has reached Cuba that the aviators have left Bluefields for the trip across the Caribbean.

The office of the American naval attaché is without information concerning the proposed flight and doubt was

Balloons Start Flight From Omaha To-day

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.—Two free balloons will start from Fort Omaha to-morrow evening in an endeavor to ascertain whether air currents at high altitudes can be accurately charted from the surface. An elevation of 5,000 feet will be strictly maintained and an accurate check kept on all air currents. Cities in the line of the wind's direction from Omaha are requested to watch for the balloons.

expressed there of the correctness of the Panama dispatch announcing that the aviators had started. It was declared there is no supply of gasoline suitable for an airplane available here.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Confidence was expressed at army air service headquarters to-day that no harm had befallen Lieutenants Otto and Parker and Mechanician Hornby, from whom no report has been received since they left Bluefields, Nicaragua, Sunday on the second leg of a flight from the Panama Canal Zone to Key West. The officers are flying the H. S. 2, a big plane of the latest type, driven by two motors. From Bluefields they were headed for Havana, but had not landed there last night.

The wireless operators threatened to strike on April